STATE OF ARKANSAS SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF

DIVERSIFIED CAPITAL CORPORATION OF TENNESSEE D/B/A AMERICA'S LENDING CENTER MEMPHIS, TN

ORDER NO. C-03-001-03-CD01

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND
REVOCATION OF MORTGAGE LOAN COMPANY
EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION
PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-39-306(a)(4)

Arkansas Securities Commissioner Michael B. Johnson, of the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department"), upon sufficient evidence presented to him, has reason to believe that **DIVERSIFIED CAPITAL CORPORATION OF TENNESSEE D/B/A AMERICA'S LENDING CENTER ("DIVERSIFIED")** has failed to comply with the provisions of the Arkansas Mortgage Loan Company and Loan Broker Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-101, *et seq.*, ("Act") and has thereby lost its exemption from registration pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-306(a)(4).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- The Department received a request for exemption from registration as a mortgage loan company pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-306(a)(4) from DIVERSIFIED on February 8, 1996. The request for exemption was approved and a letter issued February 15, 1996.
- On September 23, 2002, the Department received Notice of Cancellation from Hartford Fire Insurance Company reflecting that **DIVERSIFIED's** Surety Bond Number 14BSBAJ6119 would be terminated December 31, 2002.

- 3. By certified letter dated September 24, 2002, Rhys G. Rogers, a Securities Examiner Supervisor with the Department, (i) advised **DIVERSIFIED** that the Act required the \$35,000.00 surety bond to remain in force at all times, (ii) enclosed a copy of the Notice of Cancellation received from Hartford Fire Insurance Company, and (iii) requested that **DIVERSIFIED** file a replacement bond by the December 31, 2002, expiration date. The signed return receipt reflects that **DIVERSIFIED** received the September 24, 2002, certified letter on September 27, 2002.
- Pursuant to the Notice of Cancellation, DIVERSIFIED's \$35,000.00 surety bond issued by Hartford Fire Insurance Company expired on December 31, 2002, and DIVERSIFIED has not filed a replacement surety bond.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 5. The Commissioner is charged with the administration and enforcement of the Act pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-201 (Repl. 1994).
- 6. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-304(a)(1) (Supp. 1999) requires each mortgage loan company to deposit a \$35,000.00 corporate surety bond with the Commissioner.
- 7. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-307(b) (Supp. 1999) provides for revocation of an exemption from registration if the company does not conduct its business in accordance with law or has violated any provision of the Act.

OPINION

- 8. This matter has been properly brought before the Commissioner in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-201 (Repl. 1994). **DIVERSIFIED's** failure to maintain a \$35,000.00 surety bond in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-304(a)(1) (Repl. 1999) is a violation of the Act which constitutes grounds to revoke **DIVERSIFIED's** exemption from registration.
- 9. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-307(a)(3) (Supp. 1999), the Commissioner can and should revoke **DIVERSIFIED's** exemption from registration.
- 10. This order is in the public interest.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-202(b)(1) that **DIVERSIFIED CAPITAL CORPORATION OF TENNESSEE D/B/A AMERICA'S LENDING CENTER** CEASE AND DESIST from engaging in all mortgage loan and loan brokering activities including advertising, offering and conducting mortgage loan company and loan brokering business.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the exemption from registration provided **DIVERSIFIED CAPITAL CORPORATION OF TENNESSEE D/B/A AMERICA'S LENDING CENTER** under Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-306(a)(4) be revoked in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-307(a)(3) (Supp. 1999).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all pending mortgage loan applications now held by **DIVERSIFIED CAPITAL CORPORATION OF TENNESSEE D/B/A AMERICA'S LENDING CENTER** shall immediately be transferred to a duly registered or exempted mortgage loan company or loan broker and proof of such filed within ten (10) days of the receipt of this Order.

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LENDING CENTER is hereby notified of its right to a hearing regarding this matter. However, if no written application for a hearing is made within twenty (20) days of the entry of this Order, this Order will become final.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 10TH day of JANUARY, 2003.

MICHAEL B. JOHNSON

ARKANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSIONER